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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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AUGUST 18, 2009

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT
PACOIMA DAM - CONSTRUCTION OF JIB CRANE ON DAM CREST
IN THE SYLMAR COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amount for a public works construction contract for Pacoima Dam - Construction of Jib Crane on Dam Crest in the Sylmar community of the City of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT - Find that the requested changes in work for installing a surge protector and reconnecting monitoring instruments, with an increase in the contract amount of \$11,400 have no significant effect on the environment and approve the increased contract amount and the changes for Project ID No. FCC0000700 - Pacoima Dam - Construction of Jib Crane on Dam Crest, in the Sylmar community of the City of Los Angeles, being performed by G. B. Cooke, Inc.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval for the changes in a public works contract in support of the timely completion of the project while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure.

The Director of Public Works or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your authorization are changes in work in excess of the Director of Public Works' delegated limit, which are required to complete the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated change order amount for this contract is an increase of \$11,400.

Funding for these changes in work is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Flood Control District Budget. Detailed cost breakdowns for the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the enclosure.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This contract for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosure do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosure.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under the contract and result in complete and usable facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)
August 18, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000700 - PACOIMA DAM - CONSTRUCTION OF JIB CRANE
ON DAM CREST (in the Sylmar community of the City of Los Angeles),
Supervisory District 5, Contractor: G. B. Cooke, Inc.

Project Description:

Construction of a support platform with a jib crane to improve operation and maintenance at the crest of the dam.

Changes in Work:

(1) Surge Protector	\$ 2,000.00
(2) Reconnect Monitoring Instruments	<u>9,400.00</u>
Total	<u>\$11,400.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) A surge protector needs to be installed to protect the crane from being damaged during power surges. This work is not shown on the plans.

(2) It will be necessary to reconnect water-level monitoring instruments located on the upstream side of the dam. These instruments were temporarily removed by Public Works staff to facilitate the placement of the jib crane support platform. Reconnecting these instruments was not included in the project specifications.

The cost for Item 1 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 2 will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Five additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

Funding for these changes in work is included in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,048,625.00
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>11,400.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$1,060,025.00</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	1.1%

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